

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Takeshi AKATSU

Confirmation No.: 2732

Application No.: 10/827,437

Group Art Unit: 1722

Filing Date: April 20, 2004

Examiner: R.M. Kunemund

For: METHOD OF FABRICATION OF A
SUBSTRATE FOR AN EPITAXIAL GROWTH

Attorney Docket No.: 4717-13000

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 16, 2006 regarding the above-identified application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this amendment.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

A **Petition for an Extension of Time** up to and including March 16, 2007 and authorization of the petition fee is submitted herewith.

A Notice of Appeal is also submitted herewith.

Should any additional fees be required for processing this response, please charge them to Winston & Strawn LLP deposit account no. 50-1814.